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From: Melgin, Wendy
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To: 'tgeier@fs.fed.us'
Subject: Minntac NPDES permit

Hi Ted; I attached a letter EPA sent to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on the Minntac tailings basin NPDES permit in Northern Minnesota, adjacent to the Superior National Forest. The facility is currently discharging 4 million gallons/day of tailings wastewater into streams that flow onto the NF property. The Minnesota permit does not require control of these discharges so we provided a letter to MPCA detailing our concerns. The MPCA public comment period on the permit ends today so we wanted to inform you of the possible impacts to NF lands and water. We should have alerted you to the public comment period earlier, so sorry about that, but we hope the FS can express its concern to MPCA, which can happen after the public comment period if necessary. If you or anyone else have questions, contact Krista McKim at 312-353-8270 or Kevin Pierard at 312-886-4448. Thanks Ted, have a wonderful Christmas and holiday.

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